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TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY,

JANUARY-MARCH, 1895.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Chickering Hall, Monday, January 14, 1895, at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

Vice-President Viele in the chair.

The following persons, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society:

LEO C. DESSAR.	ERNEST GREEFF, JR.
JAMES LOEB.	WALTER A. PEASE.
CLEVELAND ABBE, JR.	OLIVER G. JENNINGS.
ALLEN M. THOMAS, M.D.	FRANCIS G. LANDON.
RICHARD N. YOUNG.	GEORGE TAYLOR.
CORNELL WOOLLEY.	FREDERICK J. WINSTON.
R. W. STEVENSON.	CHARLES T. JAMES.
ROBERT R. WILLETS.	FRANCIS M. UNDERHILL.
JAMES D. FOOT.	WALDRON B. VANDERPOEL, M.D.
CASSINO M. WICKER.	W. R. WARREN.
CHAS. AUGUSTIN STODDARD, D.D.	W. WHEELER SMITH.
CHAS. H. DANIELS.	HAMILTON F. KEAN.
MATTHEW HALE.	EDSON BRADLEY.
M. D. WOODFORD.	EMIL L. BOAS.
A. L. WASHBURNE.	CHAS. HARE HUTCHINSON.
JOHN K. FARWELL.	WALTER D. STARR.
A. FILLMORE HYDE.	WM. HENRY RUSSELL.
ROBERT C. SANDS.	EWALD MOMMER.
CARLETON W. NASON.	CARL PICKHARDT.
THOS. A. REILLY.	EMERSON McMILLIN.
W. M. SHAW.	ROBERT SANFORD.
GEORGE E. MARCUS.	JAMES W. PHYFE.
MOSES L. SCUDDER.	CHAS. T. POORE, M.D.
GEO. AUSTIN MORRISON, JR.	WM. D. BISHOP.
WALDORF H. PHILLIPS.	M. H. ARNOT.
C. W. WELLS.	WM. R. BEAL.
NICHOLAS F. SEEBECK.	ROWLAND A. ROBBINS.
	HENRY C. ROUSE.

The Annual Report of the Council was then presented and read:

To the American Geographical Society:

The Council respectfully submits the following Report for the year 1894:

There were during the year 116 deaths and resignations. The number of Fellows is now 1,228, of whom 295 are Life Fellows.

The property of the Society on the Boulevard and 150th Street has been sold to the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society for \$91,000, and the Council is now able to congratulate the Society on the flourishing condition of its finances. Besides its house, No. 11 West 29th Street, with its increasing library and collections, the Society has now invested in mortgages in Brooklyn, guaranteed by the Title Guarantee and Trust Company and yielding a net interest of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., the sum of sixty-two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; and on deposit with the United States Mortgage Company, and yielding a net interest of 3 per cent., the sum of twenty-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

The Society has also received from the executors of the estate of Gen. George W. Cullum the full amount of the five thousand dollars devised by Gen. Cullum for a Medal Fund, as set forth in his will in these words:

“Thirty-ninth, I give and bequeath to the American Geographical Society, in the City of New York, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars to establish a permanent fund for the purposes comprehended in the general objects of its charter, that is to say: to apply the income to procuring a die, with suitable devices and inscriptions, and to cause gold medals to be struck thereupon and presented from time to time by the said Society to those who distinguish themselves by geographical discoveries, or in the advancement of geographical science, particularly citizens of the United States of America, it being understood that the selection of the recipients of the medals shall be chosen with the assent of not less than two-thirds of the entire Council of the Society, the vote thereon to be taken by ayes and nays, which must be recorded in the proceedings of the Council. I further direct that any losses of any part of this permanent fund shall be made good by the accumulation of the income of the remainder before any further expenditures for medals shall be made. I further direct that this medal fund shall be called the Cullum Geographical Medal Fund.”

This amount of five thousand dollars is now on deposit with the United States Mortgage Company at 4 per cent. interest, but the accumulation of income does not as yet warrant the Society's taking the initial steps towards carrying out the provisions of the bequest.

The cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 31st of December was \$3,767.70, as appears by his report herewith submitted.

The subject of the erection of a fire-proof building for the library and collections continues to engage the attention of the Council, but the Society is not yet in a position to incur the necessary expenditure.

There were held during the year eight meetings of the Society. Papers were read: by Mr. Carl Lumholtz on the American Cave-dwellers: the Tarahumaris of the Sierra Madre; by Prof. Wm. Libbey, Jr., on his Observations in the Hawaiian Islands; by Kinza Riuge Minamoto, on Japanese Life and Customs, contrasted with those of the West; by Miss C. de Alcalá, on the Wonders of Nature and Art in Spain; by J. Stanley Brown, on the Fur Seals and the Bering Sea Arbitration; by Heli Chatelain, on the Land and People of Angola; by Dr. Lysander Dickerman, on the Condition of Woman in Ancient Egypt; and by Cope Whitehouse, on Nile Reservoirs, Natural and Artificial.

The additions to the Library number 3,151, viz.: Books 561, pamphlets and periodicals 2,174, atlases 64, maps and charts 347, relief maps 5.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM REMSEN,
Chairman.

NEW YORK, Jan'y 5, 1895.

The Report of the Treasurer was then presented and read:

NEW YORK, January 1, 1895.

To the AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY:

The Treasurer respectfully reports the following Receipts and Expenditures of the Society for the year ending December 31, 1894:

The Balance in Union Trust Co., Jan. 1, 1894, was..... \$1,281 95

The receipts have been:

Dues.....	\$9,195 10	
Interest.....	647 00	
Sale of Publications.....	122 00	
Rents.....	4,000 00	
		\$13,964 10
There has also been received from the <i>Estate of Gen. Cullum</i> the balance of the Medal Fund.....		1,750 00
Interest on Cullum Medal Fund.....		279 49
From the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society, proceeds of sale of real estate at 150th Street and the Boulevard.....		91,000 00
		<u>\$108,275 54</u>

The expenditures have been:

House account.....	\$395 15	
Salaries.....	5,065 66	
Library.....	1,420 79	
Lectures.....	1,297 40	
Publications.....	1,918 29	
Stationery and Postages.....	548 09	
Insurance.....	8 55	
Legal Expenses.....	48 50	
Miscellaneous.....	55 41	
There has also been deposited in the U. S. Mortgage Co. on acc't of Cullum Medal Fund, at 4 per cent..	1,750 00	
Deposited in the U. S. Mortgage Co., on account of Building Fund, at 3 per cent.....	29,750 00	
Paid Title Guarantee and Trust Co. for guaranteed mortgages on property in Brooklyn.....	62,250 00	
		<u>104,507 84</u>
There remains on deposit in the Union Trust Co., January 1, 1895.....		<u>\$3,767 70</u>

NEW YORK, January 1, 1895.

W. R. T. JONES,
Treasurer.

The Committee charged with the duty of selecting candidates for the offices to be filled reported the following names:

To the AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY:

The Committee appointed by the Council, December 1, 1894, to nominate

suitable persons to fill the offices which become vacant in January, 1895, respectfully recommend the election of the following gentlemen :

For President—Chas. P. Daly, LL.D., term to expire January, 1896.

For Vice-President—Gen. Egbert L. Viele, term to expire January, 1898.

For Treasurer—Walter R. T. Jones, term to expire January, 1896.

For Recording Secretary—Anton A. Raven, term to expire January, 1898.

For Councillors—Levi Holbrook, Morris K. Jesup, Gustav E. Kissel, Henry Parish, Chandler Robbins, terms to expire January, 1898.

W. H. H. MOORE, Chairman,	} <i>Nominating Committee.</i>
FRANCIS M. BACON,	
AUSTEN G. FOX,	

On motion, duly seconded, Mr. Clinton Roosevelt was requested to cast the ballot for the candidates named, and they were declared duly elected.

Mr. Henry Morrison then addressed the Society on the service rendered to the nation in the month of December, 1861, by Chas. P. Daly, President of the Society, who then appeared by invitation before the Cabinet at Washington and clearly demonstrated the illegality of the seizure and transfer of the Confederate envoys, Messrs. Mason and Slidell, from the British Mail Steamer *Trent* to the United States war-vessel *San Jacinto*.

The Chairman then introduced the speaker of the evening, Prof. William Libbey, Jr., who described the observations made during a cruise along the western coast of Greenland in the summer of 1894.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

A meeting of the Society was held at the hall of the American Museum of Natural History, Seventy-seventh Street and Eighth Avenue, on Thursday, January 31, 1895, at 8.30 o'clock, P.M.

Vice-President Viele in the chair.

The chairman introduced to the Society the distinguished African traveller and explorer, Dr. Emil Holub, who delivered an address describing his discoveries and experiences in South Africa.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

A Regular Meeting of the Society was held at Chickering Hall, Fifth Avenue and Eighteenth Street, on Monday, February 11, 1895, at 8.30 o'clock, P.M.

Vice-President Viele in the chair.

The following persons, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society:

DR. EZRA P. HOYT.

WM. H. MCCORD.

COL. MASON A. STONE.

HENRY F. QUACKENBOS, M.D.

The Chairman then introduced Wm. Elliot Griffis, D.D., who made an address on Korea and the Koreans, in the Mirror of their Language and History.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

A Regular Meeting of the Society was held at Chickering Hall, Fifth Avenue and Eighteenth Street, on Monday, March 11, 1895, at 8.30 o'clock, P.M.

Vice-President Viele in the chair.

The following persons, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society:

JOSEPH R. BIEN.

MURRAY A. POOLE.

VICTOR SORCHON.

The Chairman then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Herbert M. Wilson, Chief Geographer of the U. S. Geological Survey, who delivered an address on the Topography and Scenery of Northern India.

On motion, the Society adjourned.